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Wayne Teacher Nominated for The Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year Award

Wayne, NJ – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE –Ms. Victoria Scarpa of Passaic County Technical Institute was awarded the Senior Division Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year Award for New Jersey. As a winner of this award Scarpa is nominated for the National Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year Award at the Kenneth E. Behring National History Day Contest in June 2016. The National Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year Award is awarded to one junior division (grades 6-8) and one senior division (grades 9-12) teacher who has shown outstanding creativity, commitment, and inspiration in developing student interest in history education.

Each of the 56 affiliates of National History Day® awards one teacher in each division \$500 and nominates him or her for the National Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year Award. Scarpa is the Senior division winner from New Jersey and is now nominated for the national award. The winners of the national award receive \$10,000 in honor of their outstanding efforts to encourage and support history education. The affiliate and national awards are sponsored by Patricia Behring in recognition of the pivotal role teachers play in the lives of students and to encourage creative and inspiring instruction in classrooms around the world. The two national winners will be announced at an awards ceremony on June 16, 2016.

“National History Day firmly believes that quality teachers are the best educational resources students have,” said National History Day Executive Director Dr. Cathy Gorn. “The teachers selected as Behring Award recipients are a credit to their discipline, and exemplify what it takes to be a quality educator.”

Teachers can be nominated by their administrators, peers, or themselves.

To qualify for the Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year Award, teachers must participate in the National History Day Contest and demonstrate excellence in the classroom. Winners are chosen by a team of teachers, administrators, and historians. Their work must clearly illustrate the development and use of creative teaching methods that interest students in history and help them make exciting discoveries about the past.

About National History Day: NHD is a non-profit education organization in College Park, MD. Established in 1974, NHD offers year-long academic programs that engage over half a million middle- and high-school students around the world annually in conducting original research on historical topics of interest. These research-based projects are entered into contests at the local and affiliate levels, where the top student projects have the opportunity to advance to the National Contest at the University of Maryland at College Park. NHD also seeks to improve the quality of history education by providing professional development opportunities and curriculum materials for educators. NHD is sponsored in part May 10, 2016



Passaic County Technical Institute (PCTI) History Instructor, Victoria Scarpa (Wayne) has been nominated for the National Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year Award.

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